GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2298
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2007
EXTENSION OF RAIL TO MINOR PORTS
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested for broad gauge railway linkage to minor ports of the State and to connect these with the dedicated railway freight corridor connecting Mumbai-Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2298 BY SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2007 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAIL TO MINOR PORTS

(a) & (b) : Details of request received from the Government of Gujarat for providing rail linkage to Ports in Gujarat and status of the proposal thereon is as under :-

S.NO.	NAME OF THE PORT	STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL
1.	Dahej Port (Bharuch-Samni-Dahej Gauge Conversion)	This project has been sanctioned and it is to be executed by the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). RVNL has created a Project Specific Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) viz. Bharuch Dahej Railway Company Limited who will take up implementation of the project. Shareholders' Agreement has been signed on 12.01.07. The anticipated cost of the project is Rs.165.77 crores. An outlay of Rs.10 crores has been provided for the project for the year 2006-07.
2.	Hazira Port (Surat-Hazira New Line)	There is a proposal to develop Surat-Hazira New Railway line through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. Creation of SPV for the same is under process.
3.	Dholera Port	Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) is undertaking the Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey (PETS) for rail connectivity to this Port.
4.	Bedi & New Bedi Port Connectivity	A study undertaken by M/s RITES Ltd. is under appraisal in the Ministry.
5.	New line for connectivity to Okha ports	The railway line for each of these is less than 10 Kms. in

Port, Veraval Port, Simar/Chhara Port (including gauge conversion between Talala-Delvada), Sikka Port, Muldwarka Port, Jaffrabad Port, Mithivirdi Port, Vansi Barsi Port, Porbander Port & Maroli Port	Length. Considering the length of the lines and meager traffic offering, these projects may not be financially viable for the Railways and State Government may develop rail connectivity with their funds.